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FY99 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation. The President signed the \$14.6 billion FY99 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation on 21 May 1999. The supplemental addresses shortfalls primarily related to Kosovo (military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance), military operations in Southwest Asia, aid to farmers, and Central America disaster relief.

The total amount for Defense is \$10.9 billion—\$5.5 billion above the President's original supplemental requests for Hurricane Mitch/George and emergency contingency operations. The known Air Force share is \$2.8 billion including \$1.9+ billion contained in the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund for Kosovo Operations. The \$2.8 billion also includes \$840+ million in the Air Force appropriation for ALE-50 Towed Decoys, CALCM and JDAM procurements, Recruiting and BOS funding, and Military Pay Raises. Additionally, the Air Force will compete for any amounts appropriated in the Readiness/Munitions account with the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund, Readiness Training/OPTempo Fund, and MILCON Fund. Together those total \$3.9 billion.

Acquisition Budget Documentation. We have made significant changes in the way documentation for acquisition programs will be submitted for this year's BES cycle. Last year the Integrated Documentation System (IDOCs) produced modification documentation for Aircraft, Missile, and RDT&E via the WWW using IDOCs software.

These improvements will save a tremendous amount of time and effort. The new automated edit checks across acquisition documents will eliminate manual checks saving valuable time. The database's repository of acquisition documentation will be easily accessible to program offices and headquarters. Since it is a web-based system, transmission of documents and access to the finished product will be fast and easy. Good government for the Air Force!

FY99 Omnibus Reprogramming. The Air Force has requested a \$325 million FY99 reprogramming to support our share of the Medical Treatment Facility program imbalance identified in the FY00 Budget Review and O&M requirements identified in the first Budget Execution Report. The Omnibus also includes transfers from active to Air National Guard MilPers and between various investment programs. We believe both requirements and sources are non-contentious and hope for swift Congressional action. We plan to distribute these funds as soon as the reprogramming is approved by Congress.

By the time you read this I will have departed the "fix." Please know that I did so with deep gratitude for having had the privilege of serving our nation, our Air Force, and you; with sincere appreciation for the tremendous support afforded me by our leadership and you; and with great optimism about your futures, both individually and collectively as the finest financial management team in the world—bar none! Connie and I wish you all the best and...God speed.

Very Respectfully,

George